

BELARUS

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (Europe)
United Nations:	Europe		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	Eastern Europe		

A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	-	1,822	28,988	30,525	50	75	260	458	584	618
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	4	520	541	411	354	340
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	160,000	175,908	160,000	160,000	34,567	19,511
Total	160,054	176,503	160,801	160,869	35,505	20,469

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. **Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ***Also based on country of asylum reports.

2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	1,537	50	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	50	45	190	200	129	57
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	5
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	-	56	902	773	471	215	164
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	45	190	-	129	57
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	200	-	-

Responsibility (2002): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.0	1.3	20.1	21.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.0	0.2	2.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	0.0	8.8	140.4	147.8	0.2	0.4	1.3	2.2	2.8	3.0
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	111.2	122.7	111.7	111.8	24.7	14.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	16.1	17.8	16.2	16.2	3.6	2.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	775.2	854.8	778.8	779.1	172.0	99.1

* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2002

1. Population of concern to UNHCR--demographic characteristics*

Sex	<5	5-17	18-59	60+>	Various	Total	<5 (%)	5-17 (%)	18-59 (%)	60+> (%)	F/M (%)
Female	22	128	175	26	-	351	6%	36%	50%	7%	39%
Male	28	125	390	13	-	556	5%	22%	70%	2%	61%
Total	50	253	565	39	-	907	6%	28%	62%	4%	100%

* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	907
Dispersed/various	19,562
Total	20,469
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	4%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	618
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	618
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	618
Other/unknown	-
Total	618
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BELARUS -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan	-	1,607	-	-	38	59	199	368	454	478
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	35	60	69

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Origin	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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Data not available

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BELARUS -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
United States	-	-	19	49	83	127	1,161	2,245	3,239	3,294
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,449
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	65	91
Canada	-	30	36	39	39	36	34	36	70	90
Sweden	2	7	15	20	23	29	29	45	67	88
Other	-	-	14	393	158	98	283	149	251	355
Total	-	-	84	501	303	290	1,507	2,519	3,692	6,367

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Asylum country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sweden	11	-	10	24	33	35	84	231	327	722
Germany	822	236	236	303	413	226	361	484	595	671
Norway	3	1	1	1	7	10	75	139	330	395
Czech Rep.	7	1	-	6	18	2	49	192	437	312
France	2	6	2	9	56	41	71	99	185	284
Other	52	61	56	144	296	346	846	1,538	1,110	1,227
Total	897	305	305	487	823	660	1,486	2,683	2,984	3,611

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELARUS -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Minsk	URB	600
Minsk Region	URB	130
Gomel Region	URB	100

Location name	Type*	Total
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*CAM = Camps/centers; URB = Urban; RUR = Rural/dispersed/various.

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELARUS

